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In re application of: Douglas M. DILLON	Art Unit: 2143	DEC 16 2003 OFFICIAL
Serial No: 09/559,118	Examiner: Joseph AVELLINO	
Filed: 4-26-2000	I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent Office, at: 703-872-9306	
Title: Apparatus and Method for Hybrid Network Access	<u>December 16, 2003</u> Date of Deposit <u>Craig Plastrik</u> Name <u>[Signature]</u> 12-16-2003 Signature Date	

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 12-12-2003, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 41-86 are pending in the present application, with claims 41, 60, 66 and 76 being independent.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant provisionally elects Group I (claims 41-59, 66-75, 78, 80 and 83), with traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement. Applicant submits that all of the claims could be examined in a single application without undue effort. Applicant further submits that, if the Examiner acts on all pending claims in the present application, then the overall examining time will be

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less, and the resources of the U.S. Patent Office would be more efficiently utilized, than if the claims are restricted to two separate applications. Moreover, Applicant earnestly believes that the examination of all pending claims in the present application would result in and ensure uniform prosecution. In the interests of prosecution economy and efficiency, and uniform prosecution quality, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement would be appropriate in the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dated: December 16, 2003

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- ☐ An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ The fee for claims is calculated below.

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED					ADDITIONAL FEE
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	36 -	36 =	0 x	\$ 18.00 =		\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0 x	\$ 86.00 =		\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			N (Y/N)	\$ 290.00 =		\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ 0.00

Please charge \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California.
Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,


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